

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1172

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A RESOLUTION to commend the interns for the Office of Minority Affairs upon their exemplary service to the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, this year, ten students from Tennessee State University (TSU) have participated in the Office of Minority Affairs Internship Program under the tutelage of Executive Director Yolanda Arnold and Assistant Director Rashaun Pool Donald; and

WHEREAS, their hard work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the Office of Minority Affairs (OMA), the members of the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators, and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, these gifted interns from TSU have made the most of their opportunity to capitalize on their academic studies through meaningful work experiences and professional development; they have gained professional knowledge, expertise, and practical experience that will help them start a career path in state government, if they so desire; and

WHEREAS, the five senior OMA interns are Nailah Holiday-Lawson, a political science major from Athens, Georgia; Jocelyn Little, a political science major from Atlanta, Georgia; Alicia Lockett, a political science major from Chattanooga; Elijah McGlothen, a political science major from Smyrna; and Harmony Speed, a political science major from Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the five junior OMA interns are Alexis Dockery, a political science major from Memphis; Haggai Futch, a history major from Memphis; Bria Grant, a criminal justice

major from Jackson; Kimora Reaves, a political science major from Knoxville; and Maya Weaver, a political science major from Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize themselves with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further their studies, these remarkable young citizens brought their many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2022 session of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2022 legislative session, the OMA interns have surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative participant; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 OMA interns have performed their many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Nailah Holiday-Lawson, Jocelyn Little, Alicia Lockett, Elijah McGlothen, Harmony Speed, Alexis Dockery, Haggai Futch, Bria Grant, Kimora Reaves, and Maya Weaver for their outstanding service as legislative interns for the Office of Minority Affairs and extend to each of them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.